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Governor Brewer Announces Arizona Winners of the 2010 National Youth Science Camp Competition

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced that Tucson University High School senior, Jonathan Ferng and Tempe Desert Vista High School senior, Sumana Veeravelli have been selected as the two most promising young scientific leaders in Arizona's 2010 National Youth Science Camp competition. At the invitation of Governor Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, they will participate as delegates in the 47th year of the National Youth Science Camp held near the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia.

"I am extremely proud of these fine young Arizonans," said Governor Brewer. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for these outstanding high school seniors to interact with the nation's leading scientific professionals."

Drew Leatham and Varun Patel both seniors at Mesa's Dobson High, along with senior Erika Tinley of Tucson's Sonoran Science Academy and Olivia Peake, a senior at Tucson's Sabino High School have been selected as alternates in case either or both of the delegates cannot participate.

Established in 1963 as a part of West Virginia's Centennial Celebration, the National Youth Science Camp is an annual summer forum where two delegates representing each state exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals from academic and corporate worlds. Lectures and hands-on research projects are presented by scientists from across the United States who work on some of the most provocative topics in science today - topics such as fractal geometry, the human genome project, global climate change, the history of the universe, the fate of our rain forests, and robotics. Delegates to the Science Camp are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art and music with resident staff members. Delegates also present seminars covering their own areas of research and interest.

The National Youth Science Camp's diverse academic program is complemented by an outdoor recreation program, which leverages the Science Camp's location in the Monongahela National Forest. The Science Camp's outdoor program offers backpacking, caving, rock climbing, mountain biking and kayaking.

Mr. Ferng and Ms. Veeravelli will be flown to Charleston, West Virginia, on Tuesday, June 29 and will return home on Friday, July 23 after participating in this innovative educational program. The National Youth Science Foundation®, based in Charleston, West Virginia, covers all expenses, including travel. More information is available online at www.nysf.com and www.nyssc.org.

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